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The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan

Letter dated 17 November 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I would like to refer to the documents A/64/475-S/2009/508 of 6 October 2009 and A/64/514-S/2009/575 of 6 November 2009 containing the letters of the Ambassador of Azerbaijan and their annexes.

These documents were circulated under the agenda items 14 and 18 of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly with the sole purpose of spreading a new wave of hate propaganda against the Republic of Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh.

The data contained in these documents can only be attributed to the sick imagination of state officials in Azerbaijan who still presume that the cold war style propaganda and continued dissemination of anti-Armenian documents in different international forums could be an effective tool for strengthening their country's position at the ongoing talks within the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Minsk Group, aimed at finding a comprehensive peaceful resolution for the Nagorno Karabakh conflict.

It is not the first time that Azerbaijan attempts to jeopardize the work of the Minsk Group and its co-Chairs and to derail the Nagorno Karabakh peace process, as well as to mislead the members of the General Assembly by submitting false and totally groundless information.

It comes as no surprise to us that this, yet another avalanche of fabricated writings, occurs just weeks before the expected meetings between the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and the Presidents of the two countries.

These documents are vivid manifestations of how far Azerbaijan stands from the idea of achieving a lasting peace and how "genuine" the intentions of its leaders

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are in finding a mutually acceptable and comprehensive solution to the Nagorno Karabakh issue.

I would be grateful if you could circulate the present letter as a document of the General Assembly, under items 14 and 18 of the agenda, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Garen A. **Nazarian**
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